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United States Senate

CHARLES E. GRASSLEY

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-1501

October 3, 2002

Ms. Catherine M. Mabry
411 Tonawanda Drive
Des Moines, Iowa 50312-2831

Dear Ms. Mabry:

Thank you for your communication in support of funding for the Salisbury Oaks Watershed Demonstration and the Salisbury House renovation projects. It's important for me to hear from you.

First, I agree that the watershed project is important to the City of Des Moines. In fact, some city officials and representatives came to Washington this summer to express their support for it. Unfortunately, the appropriations process is well under-way and directed funding would be very difficult at this junction. While congressional appropriators did not "earmark" funds for the watershed project, there are a number of grant opportunities available to the City. Please be assured that I will continue to work with local officials on this project and will fully support any grant application that the City may provide the relevant Federal agencies for the watershed demonstration project.

Second, I would like to comment on the request for funding to restore the Salisbury House. This project may be eligible for funds from the Save America's Treasures program within the Department of Interior. Save America's Treasures is a national effort to protect America's threatened cultural treasures, including historic structures, collections, works of art, maps and journals that document and illuminate the history and culture of the United States. Presently, it is not certain that the Salisbury House will receive any funds, but Congress is considering the merits of this project.

Finally, I would like to mention other projects in the Des Moines area that I have supported. I have asked my colleagues to fund a number of projects, including the National Animal Disease Center, upgrades in Des Moines' homeland security technology, a flood

Committee Assignments:

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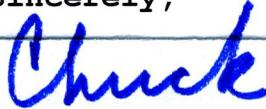
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damage prevention feasibility study for the Des Moines and Raccoon Rivers, Des Moines Area Community College, Interstate 235, I-380, and the Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway.

Again, thank you for contacting me with your views. Please let me know if I can be of further assistance this year, or the years ahead. The watershed and Salisbury House projects are important to me, and I look forward to working with you and the City of Des Moines.

Sincerely,



Charles E. Grassley
United States Senator

CEG/jv



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BOARD OF WATER WORKS TRUSTEES
L.D. McMULLEN, Ph.D., P.E., CEO AND GENERAL MANAGER

April 26, 2004

Salisbury Oaks Watershed Project
411 Tonawanda Drive
Des Moines, Iowa 50312

Solutions to water quality issues in Iowa will only happen through local leadership. The Salisbury Oaks Watershed Group is providing the leadership to correct storm water run-off in the Tonawanda Ravine located in their urban neighborhood. They are working toward managing and improving storm water run-off, reducing erosion of stream banks, and recognition as a successful urban watershed demonstration site for other urban groups.

Des Moines Water Works (DMWW) is the largest drinking water utility in Iowa, serving approximately 350,000 people. The service area is both urban and rural and incorporates 4 counties and 23 communities. Two primary sources of water are surface water from two rivers, the Des Moines and Raccoon. Storm water run-off from the Tonawanda Ravine discharges to the Raccoon River.

We support the efforts of the Salisbury Oaks Watershed Groups because they are developing local awareness of water quality issues, identifying solutions, and building ownership and support for solving the problems in an urban watershed. We encourage them to continue in their efforts to protect their drinking water source through this watershed management project.

Sincerely,

L.D. McMullen, Ph.D., P.E.
CEO and General Manager

March 8, 2005

Dear Salisbury Oaks Neighborhood Residents,

I am writing to all residents and business owners in the Salisbury Oaks Watershed to gain your interest and support in addressing the concerns on Tonawanda Drive. Salisbury Oaks is a 180 acre, urban watershed centrally located in and near Grand Avenue and 42nd street. The storm water runoff problems in this watershed have caused severe stream bank and channel erosion and have contributed to street infrastructure damage along Tonawanda Drive.

The Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) recently completed an environmental assessment of the area. They identified the main areas of stream bank and channel erosion along the north-south ravine of Tonawanda Drive. Particular locations in the watershed have been identified as sources of some of the water runoff problems in the watershed. The City has allocated resources to work closely with the NRCS to address this problem and will continue to do so.

A proposal is underway to address some of these storm water concerns and management issues. The proposed practices involve short-term resolutions and long-term goals to manage the storm water runoff problems. The enclosed brochure provides general information about the problem and some conservation practices that can address the storm water management needs of the watershed.

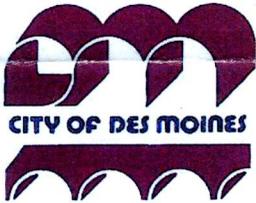
As a member of the City council with the City of Des Moines, I am personally acknowledging the severity of the storm water management concerns in this watershed. As community citizens, residents and business owners, we will need your full interest and support on this project. Please feel free to contact me a 255-4716.

Sincerely,



Christine Hensley
City Council, City of Des Moines

Enclosure



COUNCIL MEMBER CHRISTINE HENSLEY
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October 18, 2008
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Dear Mr. Pat Kozitza,

Please find enclosed a vision statement for the Tonawanda ravine as well as letters of support and a history of funding and partnerships. We trust you will find this information not only helpful but also reflective of our commitment to past and ongoing efforts to meet the needs of the City of Des Moines without compromising the desires of the neighborhood.

Respectfully, the Tonawanda Ravine Committee

Catherine Marby McMullen
Jim Richardson
John Schissel
Ashley Bernstein
Charles Lozier
Darlene Brinkman

Please contact Cathy Marby McMullen (779-4234) or Ashley Bernstein, Co-Chair (277-4157)

October 18, 2008

Tonawanda Ravine Vision Statement

We value the Tonawanda Ravine's place in our neighborhood as green space, a walking corridor and wildlife habitat. Our goal is to protect and enhance these qualities, and the beauty it adds to our street. We envision it as a gateway into our neighborhood.

We also recognize the importance of improving and protecting the infrastructure for the good of the residences of the neighborhood and their property.

Our goal is to find a means of stormwater control and bank stabilization that protect infrastructure as well as protect or restore natural vegetation and landscape features of the street.

The Salisbury Oaks watershed and Tonawanda Ravine have the potential to become a model of cost effective and practical urban stream restoration and storm water control for the City of Des Moines and other municipalities, both in the short term solutions, and in a longer term project aimed at solving the problem of excess storm water by detaining water on site throughout the watershed.

Respectfully submitted by the Ravine Committee
Supported by the Salisbury Oaks Neighborhood Association



Roll Call Number

09-1395

Agenda Item Number

65

Date July 27, 2009

AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO I-JOBS FOR FLOOD RELATED IMPROVEMENTS, REPAIR, AND MITIGATION AND OTHER PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND APPROVAL OF CITY OF DES MOINES MATCHING FUND COMMITMENT REQUIREMENTS

WHEREAS, the Culver/Judge Iowa's Infrastructure Investment Initiative ("I-Jobs") has \$830,000,000.00 in funding for grants to provide state economic recovery funding for public projects, including projects for public buildings, disaster relief, flood-related infrastructure, and water quality and waste water improvements; and

WHEREAS, the City of Des Moines has prepared an I-Jobs grant application requesting funding for 10 City projects and 3 Des Moines Metropolitan Wastewater Reclamation Authority ("WRA") projects, as described in the attached Council Communication; and

WHEREAS, I-Jobs grants require matching funds, as described in the attached Council Communication.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, that the City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to apply on behalf of the City and the Des Moines Metropolitan Wastewater Reclamation Authority for grants in the amount of totaling \$21,325,000 for City projects and in the amount of \$16,000,000.00 for WRA projects from I-Jobs for various projects, as described above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City hereby approves and commits to matching funds payments for all such grants received from I-Jobs.

(Council Communication No. 09-518)

MOVED by Meyer to approve.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Ann DiDonato, Assistant City Attorney

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CERTIFICATE

I, DIANE RAUH, City Clerk of said City hereby certify that at a meeting of the City Council of said City of Des Moines, held on the above date, among other proceedings the above was adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.

MOTION CARRIED APPROVED T. M. Franklin, Mayor

Diane Rauh, City Clerk



Council Communication

Office of the City Manager

Date July 27, 2009

Agenda Item No. 65
Roll Call No. 09-
Communication No. 09-518
Submitted by: Randy Wetmore, Assistant City
Manager

AGENDA HEADING:

Authorization to submit a grant application to I-JOBS for flood related improvements, repair and mitigation and other public improvements and approval of City of Des Moines matching fund commitment requirements.

SYNOPSIS:

The State of Iowa recently passed legislation for bonds to be issued in the amount of \$830 million for a variety of projects. The I-JOBS program is subdivided into various sub-grant programs, one program being a \$118.5 million competitive Flood Recovery and Rebuilding program. The city has projects that meet the threshold for eligibility for this sub-grant program and the applications must be in no later than August 3, 2009, for the first round of competition. All projects require a local match of either 25% or 50%. There is also a need to have a commitment that the local match will be available should a grant be awarded. It is recommended the City Manager be authorized to sign grant applications for submission to the State of Iowa.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$20,675,000 in matching funds would be required if the City received funding for all requests. WRA projects would be \$16,000,000, if all of those grant requests were funded. It should be noted, there is a \$50,000,000 cap that can be awarded to a single entity. The impact lists the grand totals because we do not know which projects may be awarded funding.

Funding Source: It is planned, depending on the projects approved, that funding will come from cash on hand, issuance of bonds, WRA funds or additional grant funds, if available.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The I-JOBS program is similar to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) in that its prime goal is to create and retain jobs in Iowa. A total of \$830 million dollars has been approved by the Legislature for the program. Program funding is available for Public Improvements, Disaster Recovery, Transportation, Rebuilding Universities, Environment and Water Quality, Housing Needs and Telecommunications and Renewable Energy. All projects require a funding match. If a project is for replacing or rebuilding existing disaster-related damaged property, it may receive up to 75% I-JOBS funds. All other projects may receive up to 50% of project costs. As part of the application, there must be a commitment that the local match will be available should a grant be awarded.

The City is applying for WRA projects because an applicant must be a public organization (governmental agency) or a 501(c)3. The WRA is legally neither but it is a public organization. The Iowa Finance Authority, the organization handling this for the State, agreed that the WRA projects can be applied for, but only if through a city. The WRA will be responsible for providing the matching funds for their projects.

Below is a list of projects that may be applied for:

	Estimated Project Cost	I-JOBS Request
Birdland Levee Replacement	\$3,000,000	\$2,250,000
Central Place Levee Improvements	\$4,200,000	\$2,100,000
Closes Creek Watershed Improvements	\$4,000,000	\$2,000,000
Court Avenue/Water Street Storm Water Pump Station	\$6,300,000	\$3,150,000
I-235 Dean's Lake Outlet Storm Sewer	\$5,100,000	\$1,250,000
Riverpoint Sewer Separation Project	\$2,500,000	\$1,250,000
Sanitary Sewer Lining in Problem Areas	\$3,500,000	\$2,625,000
Tonawanda Ravine Improvements	\$1,400,000	\$700,000
Fire Station #1	\$6,000,000	\$3,000,000
Fire Department Training and Logistics Facility	\$6,000,000	\$3,000,000
Subtotal City	\$42,000,000	\$21,325,000
WRA Equalization Basin Utilization	\$1,000,000	\$500,000
WRA Southern Tier High Flow Pump Station Improvements	\$4,500,000	\$2,250,000
WRA Westside Pump Station Mitigation	\$1,500,000	\$750,000
WRA Westside Supplemental Equalization Basin	\$25,000,000	\$12,500,000
Subtotal WRA	\$32,000,000	\$16,000,000
Total	\$74,000,000	\$37,325,000

The match for City Projects is \$20,675,000.

The match for WRA Projects is \$16,000,000.

The City received \$750,000 in I-JOBS funds for the Riverwalk in May of this year.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Accept award of grants.

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